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Karen McDuffie, Mayor Carnell Carrell, Alderman Harold Minor, Alderman Michael Casaretto, Town Attorney

Daryl Alford, Mayor Pro-Tem Kason Menges, Alderman Bessie White, Alderwoman Pam Johnson, Town Clerk

THE STATE OF TEXAS – TOWN OF ANDERSON – BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 12th day of September 2019, at 6:51 p.m., there was begun and holden a Regular Meeting of the Town of Anderson, Grimes County, Texas with the following members present:

Mayor Karen McDuffie – Present Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl Alford – Present Alderman Carnell Carrell – Present Alderman Kason Menges – Present Alderman Harold Minor – Present Alderwoman Bessie White – Present Town Attorney Michael Casaretto – Present Town Clerk Pam Johnson – Present

The following visitors were present:

Bell, Cindy Borski, Charles Borski, Will Freeman, Erna Horn, Julie Smith, William Walker, Harry Weller, Rocky

Call to order

- Mayor Karen McDuffie called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. and established a quorum. Pledges recited and Alderwoman Bessie White gave invocation.
- 2. Public Comment
- Cindy Bell stated flagpole needed to be fixed (AVFD is working on that), Johnny with Chamber wants to be
 on the agenda next month, Golf tourney 10/18/19, Red, Wheats & Blues 11/9/19,
- Rocky Weller signed wrong sheet
- 3. Stan Apostolo did not show
- 4. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to review and approve the minutes for 8/8/19.

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to approve minutes for 8/8/19 Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor:

5 Votes Opposed:

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Mayor McDuffie asked the council to review and approve the minutes for 8/26/19.
 Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to approve minutes for 8/26/19

Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor:

5 Votes Opposed:

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6. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to consider/adopt tax rate by Ordinance #130-19 for the Town of Anderson FY2019-2020.

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.190000, which is effectively a 0.97 percent increase in the tax rate".

Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor:

Votes Opposed:

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7. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to discuss/consider/approve nomination for Board of Directors of Grimes Central Appraisal District under Resolution #78-19.

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to nominate Sam Rufinno.

Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor: 5 Votes Opposed:

8. Mayor McDuffie asked the council discuss/consider/approve Anderson-Shiro Community Pep Rally in front of the courthouse on 9/18/19 at 6:30 p.m. This does not require TxDOT to shut down streets, as it

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to approve minutes for 8/26/19

Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor: 5 **Votes Opposed:**

9. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to review/discuss/approve Trunk or Treat on 10/26/19. This does not require TxDOT to shut down streets, as it is less than 4 hours.

Kason Menges stated that the construction at the old feed store may pose a safety risk, Daryl Alford will speak with Stephon Calhoun about that issue.

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to keep the same as last year with 800 hotdogs, water, and candy to be distributed during the event.

Seconded by Alderman Kason Menges

Votes in Favor: **Votes Opposed:**

- 10. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to review/discuss/approve Anderson Fest for 12/14/19, under Resolution #79-19. This will allow Mayor to coordinate with TxDOT in the closure of streets during this event. This is not a Town sponsored event; Charlie Diggs assumes all responsibilities for this event. Parking and safety concerns were discussed, Grimes County Sheriff's Office is to hand the traffic control
- 11. Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to approve Resolution #79-19
- 12. Seconded by Alderman Harold Minor
- 13. Votes in Favor: Votes Opposed: 5
- 14. Alderman Harold Minor addressed citizen complaints on the stop sign on Hill Street. Citizens are complaining that they cannot get out of their driveways during high traffic times due to the stop sign backing traffic up. Mayor McDuffie presented the minutes from Commissioner's Court on 10/26/92 where the stop sign was approved to be erected. No further discussion
- 15. Update on projects around town:
 - Daryl Alford and Harold Minor will be checking on streets that have potholes that need to be
 - Mayor McDuffie read the sewer report from Rickey Wehmeyer. Hogs are becoming a problem at the sewer plant. Looking for a grant to erect a fence.
- 16. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to consider/discuss/approve payment of invoices currently due and payable. The amount of Frank Matejicek's payment was left off the cover sheet, this amount

Motioned by: Mayor Pro-tem Daryl Alford to approve payment of invoices currently due.

Seconded by Alderman Harold Minor

Votes in Favor: 5 **Votes Opposed:**

17. Mayor McDuffie asked the council to consider/discuss/approve for public hearing for Dollar General's request for variance. Harry Walker stated that there may not be a need for it, as they are looking at changing the specs of the parking lot.

Motioned by: Alderman Kason Menges to approve public hearing for variance request if needed.

Seconded by Alderman Carnell Carrell

Votes in Favor: 5 **Votes Opposed:** 0

- 18. Council entered into closed session.
- 19. Return to open meeting.

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20. Adjourn

Motioned by: Alderman Carnell Carrell to adjourn

Seconded by Alderman Kason Menges

Votes in Favor: 5 Votes Opposed:

Adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

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Karen McDuffie, Mayor

Daryl Alford, Mayor Pro-Tem